



Sustainability and Organic Food: Intensive Writing Courses Muir Writing 40 & 50

Dublin, Ireland - Prof. Wastal
June 26 - July 30, 2010

**Earn 8 UCSD units. All courses are taught in English!*

Credits:
8 UCSD units (quarter credits)

Location:
Dublin, Ireland

Dates:
June 26 - July 30, 2010

Included in the program:
(see reverse for complete list)

Expenses	UC	Non UC & Grad
Program Cost:*	\$4,935	\$4,935
Registration Costs & Tuition:**	\$1,976	\$2,431
Total:***	\$6,911	\$7,367

(* includes \$500 Admin fee)
(** estimate based on 2009 fees)
(***) not including airfare or personal expenses)

Faculty Leader

Carrie Wastal, Ph.D. enjoys snow skiing, water skiing, cycling, hiking, and eating great food all over the US, Mexico and Europe including Spain, France, Scotland, and of course Ireland. Last summer, she spent several weeks in Dublin and its surrounding counties scouting organic food producers and suppliers in preparation for the upcoming 2010 Global Seminar. A writing program director, she works with daily talented writing instructors and students. Currently, she is learning to play the ukulele so she can join in the fun at the family BBQs in Hawaii.

Program & Course Description MCWP 40 & 50: Critical Writing

As the global population continues to expand, so does the need for nutritionally sound, economically feasible food products. Large-scale intensive farming, whether of crops or herds, currently relies on technological innovations in seed, genetically modified organisms (GMOs), pesticides, antibiotics and other human-engineered resources. More recently, a movement toward sustainable farming blossomed in Ireland. Oftentimes, advocates of each of these two methods are strongly debated in the public, political, and economic global arenas. In this seminar, we will examine such debates over sustainable agriculture and intensive farming in the heart of the organic farming movement in Ireland. Farmers and activists, and politicians, especially in Ireland, have been at the forefront of the no GMO, organic farming movement. As such, the country offers opportunities for us to examine first-hand the economic, legal, and political contests over organic farming – who supports it, who challenges it, and who stands to profit or lose from its adoption. In keeping with the goals and requirements of MCWP 50, you will be asked to examine and analyze published arguments about this topic in an effort to understand their content and structure. You will also be asked to develop your own argument based on research, which will examine an issue relevant to the course.

MCWP 40 - This course will focus on academic writing—specifically, the type found in the sciences, the social sciences, and the humanities. We will read and write about the kinds of arguments that characterize the disciplines that make up a liberal arts education. Your writing, for our purposes, will engage in analysis, argument, and interpretation. You will be asked to examine facts and issues to interpret them and then construct your own academic arguments while acknowledging how written arguments vary from discipline to discipline. In keeping with the goals and requirements of MCWP 40, you will be asked to examine and write about arguments about this topic in an effort to understand their content and structure.

Cultural Excursions and Professional Visits

- Guest lecture by a representative of Dublin Food Co-op which provide organic food and other products to its owner-members
- Visit to an organic farm in the Wicklow Mountains e.g. Denis Healy Organic Delights in Kiltegan
- Visit to Teagasc (The Agriculture and Food Development Authority) in Carlow; It is the national body providing integrated research, advisory and training services to the agriculture and food industry and rural communities
- Entrance to the Trinity College Library to see the Book of Kells
- Guest lecture by a representative of the Irish Organic Farmers & Growers Association which certifies organic food and products throughout Ireland
- Visit to the Leopardstown Farmers Market which is one of the oldest markets in Ireland. All produce sold at the market are grown or crafted by the stall holders and is either organic or related food stuff, crafts etc...
- Visit to The GM-free Ireland Network in Wicklow to learn more about their efforts to keep the island of Ireland off-limits to the environmental release of genetically modified organisms (GMOs)
- Guest lecture by a representative of Organic Trust, an Irish organization with the mission to maintain the integrity of food labeled as 'organic' and to assure the consumer that organic food carrying the Organic Trust logo was produced in compliance with strict organic standards
- Visit to an organic farm in the Wicklow Mountains which is set up by the standards of Demeter / Bio-Dynamic Agriculture Association of Ireland (BDAA)
- Guided tour of the Powerscourt House & Gardens in Enniskerry
- Farm Day: Volunteer day at farms near Dublin



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Travel Dates:

- * Departure from US: June 26
- * Arrival: June 27, 2010 (Plan on arriving by 1pm local time)
- * Mandatory Orientation Day: June 28
- * First Day of Class: June 28
- * Last Day of Class: July 29
- * Departure for the U.S or personal travel: July 30

What is included in the Program Fee:

Housing

(Specific housing details may not be available prior to departure. Accommodations may vary.)

- * Twin bedded rooms with private bathrooms at Studenthomes
- * Linen is available and will be changed once per week.
- * Towels are available and will be changed daily.
- * Shared kitchen are available at Studenthomes per floor.
- * Roommate requests will be accepted in writing until April 1, 2010 but cannot be guaranteed and must be mutual. Each student must request the other student in writing separately. The request must include the PID and first and last name for both students. If you have any questions, please email globalseminar@ucsd.edu

Meals that are included:

- * Breakfast allowance of EUR 5 per day to be paid out to the students on a weekly basis during the entire stay in Dublin (total allowance : EUR 160,-)
- * Welcome Dinner
- * Special Farewell Dinner at Dublin's oldest pub, The Brazen Head

Excursions:

- * Guided walking tour of Dublin
- * Organic farm in the Wicklow Mountains e.g. Denis Healy Organic Delights in Kiltegan
- * Teagasc (The Agriculture and Food Development Authority) in Carlow
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Computer Access:

- * Access cards to a public library in Dublin
- * Internet access (broadband) is available at each of the student rooms

Transportation:

- * Transfer by private bus from Dublin Airport to the accommodation (must arrive by 1:00pm local time)
- * Public and private transportation to all excursions

Phones:

- * Rental cell phone for each student and faculty (phone only – minutes will have to be purchased at own expense)

Insurance & Health and Safety:

- * Comprehensive Gold Insurance Package (incl. Travel Health & Accident Insurance, Travel Accident Indemnity Insurance, Travel Assistance Insurance, Travel Luggage Insurance and Travel Third Party Liability Insurance)
- * Pre-departure support and comprehensive on-site orientation
- * A CEPA coordinator will also be available during all planned activities and excursions as well as in case of an emergency (24/7)

Registration & Course fees and schedules are determined by the Governer, Legislature, and Board of Regents. UC fees for summer session 2010 have not been determined at this time. Check back frequently for updates. For more information about UC fees and budget situation, please consult the UC Website. Per the University of California San Diego all students are charged Campus Based Fees as part of the Registration / Course fees (University Center, Recreation Facility, ICA Student Activity fee). For specific Fee Information please visit: UCSD Summer Session Website

All fees subject to change without notice

Find more course details about this program on the UCSD Global Seminar website - pao.ucsd.edu/pao

Contact Information:

Interested?

Have more questions?

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